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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ARROYO SECO CHANNEL REPAIR
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 5
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Find that the project to repair Arroyo Seco Channel from the Los Angeles River to the debris dam near the Foothill Freeway is categorically exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Your Board's formal environmental finding for the subject project is required to enable Public Works to file a Notice of Exemption for the project.

The project to repair Arroyo Seco Channel from the Los Angeles River to the debris dam near the Foothill Freeway is necessary to correct damage from erosion that could potentially allow water to undermine the channel bottom and levees. High velocity sediment-laden flows in the Arroyo Seco Channel have caused significant channel

bottom erosion and exposed the steel reinforcement in the concrete. Also, concrete levee panels are uplifted, which could allow water to intrude and undermine the levees. The proposed work will include replacement of portions of the existing channel and levee panels. The project is scheduled to be advertised for construction bids in spring 2007.

In accordance with the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, we request your concurrence that the proposed project is categorically exempt. A Notice of Exemption will be prepared for the project and filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This project is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Community Services. Maintaining flood control facilities will enhance flood protection for County residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund. The total project cost is estimated at \$1,500,000. Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Flood Control District Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The recommended finding is in accordance with CEQA and is required prior to filing the Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

CEQA requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their action. The project qualifies for a categorical exemption pursuant to Section 15301(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1(e) of the County Environmental Guidelines.

Upon approval of the exemption by your Board, a \$50 handling fee will be paid to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for filing the Notice of Exemption in accordance with the requirements of Section 21152(a) of the California Public Resources Code.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The subject project will not have a significant impact on current services or projects currently planned.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval, please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel